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TO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE SAHARA CONFLICT

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1. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW PRESIDENT YOU MAY FIND IT
USEFUL TO INFORM HIM THAT WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS USG EXPECTS TO
HAVE TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS IN RABAT (SAUNDERS AND MOOSE) AND
ONE IN ALGIERS (SAUNDERS). YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT IN THEIR
DISCUSSIONS WITH MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN LEADERS THESE U.S.
OFFICIALS WILL REITERATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED

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SETTLEMENT WITHOUT PRESENTING ANY AMERICAN FORMULA.

2. FYI: PRIOR TO COUP, DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO INFORM
MOROCCANS DURING SAUNDERS' VISIT THAT U.S. PREPARED AMEND
ARMS ACCORD TO PERMIT USE OF AMERICAN-FURNISHED WEAPONS TO
DEFEND MAURITANIA'S PRE-1976 BORDERS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
ASSESSMENT OF WHAT ATTITUDE NEW MAURITANIAN LEADERSHIP WOULD

HAVE TOWARD SUCH A PROPOSAL. PLEASE INFO LONDON FOR SAUNDERS AND BONN/PARIS FOR MOOSE WHEN REPLYING. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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